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BEST FOR REDS - OR U.S.?

What is the matter with American foreign policy? That is a frequent question these days because of the international upheavals of the past few months. To some close observers, a headline which appeared in the *New York Times* recently provides a revealing answer. We'll come to that headline in a moment. As you know, for nearly two years the United States has refrained from testing any nuclear weapons. It has done so under the notion, which may or may not

be true, that Soviet Russia also refrains from testing weapons. And during all these months we have held more than 200 meetings with the Reds in a fruitless attempt to make an agreement banning nuclear weapons.

There are three points to keep in mind about this subject. The first, of course, is that any agreement with Soviet Russia would have no more meaning than all the other agreements she has made, and broken. The second point is that all competent scien-

tific authorities agree that there is no foolproof method of detecting whether or not a nation tests nuclear weapons. The third point is that for nearly two years the Reds have succeeded in preventing us from testing new weapons - while we have no way of knowing whether they tested any.

Then, some weeks ago, the President announced that we were planning a series of underground atomic shots. The objective is not military. It is to find out if there is any way to detect such explosions. This is something we badly need to know, before we enter into any more agreements to ban nuclear weapons.

But the Soviets are raising Cain about these forthcoming underground shots. They demand proof that they are

not for military purposes.

Now here is the headline to which I referred. It reads: U.S. PROBLEM ON A-TESTS: SATISFYING ALLIES OR SOVIET. The gist of the story is that the United States is faced with a terrible dilemma. To satisfy the Reds, it would have to reveal certain atomic secrets to them. These secrets are denied to our allies, so they would be sore.

All this should come as a great shock to Americans - that in a matter of national life or death, we actually consider whether 'to satisfy our allies or the Soviets.' The problem ought to be a perfectly simple one for our leaders. Is it too much to ask that they forget both the Reds and our allies - and do what is best for the U.S.A.?

BACK-DOOR SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

Have you noticed that the drive for socialized medicine is under way again? This drive has been going on for a long time, but it has never been successful. One reason is that the American people are against turning over to a bunch of Washington bureaucrats the management of their doctors, their hospitals, and their general health-care.

The other reason is that we have seen a horrible example in England. When the Socialist-Labor government came into power in Great Britain, it instituted a system of socialized medicine. Britain has had it ever since, despite several changes in government. The cost, paid by all British taxpayers, gets higher and higher all the time. And the

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government medical service, in spite of constantly rising costs, gets more mediocre all the time. This, of course, is inevitable with anything run by government bureaucrats.

But here in the United States, our 'liberal'-leftists who want all power centered in Washington -never give up. If they can't achieve their objective one way, they try another. This year they are attempting a sneak attack, and it is a smart one, too, because it appeals to people's sympathies. They know the American people will never stand for socialized medicine as such. So the idea is to sneak it over on us a little at a time - and never to call it socialized medicine. They

call it 'government health insurance' or 'government medical care' - and declare they merely want the government to look after old people who are ill.

Note how slickly this is presented to us. If you object, you are a cruel, hard-hearted person who cares nothing about sick oldsters. And what's so terrible about the government putting up a little money to pay medical bills for old people? Of course, the truth is that the whole plan is being used as an opening wedge for socialized medicine. Suppose we give over the medical care of old folks to the government this year. Then next year, the argument will go like this: Well, the government pays for medical care for old people, so why not children? Next will come the downtrodden adolescents; then the middle-aged. And before you know it, you will have socialized medicine and everything that goes with it - incomprehensible costs, mediocre and assembly-line doctoring, debilitated and bureaucratic-ridden hospitals, a medical profession losing its taste for its calling, and all the things from which medical care in Britain now suffers.

Of course, this is an election year and we have an awful lot of old folks who vote. So the advocates of this socialized medicine scheme through the back door, have the politicians by the throat. They are all trying to outdo each other to prove how kind they are to old folks. Perhaps the only way to counter them is with a knowledge of the real facts. Fortunately, the facts are available, thanks to the American Enterprise Association.

RESULTS OF WELFARISM

This renewed drive for socialized medicine is part of the plan to turn America into a socialized, welfare state. Here are a few little seemingly minor, but significant items to indicate what we are in for if we do not stop and reverse this trend.

A lady in Illinois had a job with the Unemployment Bureau. She was paid \$270 a month - out of your taxes. In addition, the government paid her \$184 a month - also out of your taxes - for the support of her children. She had eight of them - fathered by four different men. She lived in a public housing project - which is also sup-

ported by your taxes. But she evidently figured she still was not getting enough welfare. So she helped herself to some unemployment-compensation checks (she handled them in her tax-supported job). She forged the endorsements, cashed the checks and pocketed the money - until the authorities caught up with her. No doubt she felt she was doing nothing wrong - the generous taxpayers wouldn't miss a few more dollars.

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support it. It is supposed to aid in the development of new scientific data. It has just made a grant of \$50,000 - again with your tax money - to Cornell University. For what? To make a study of bird sounds!

To get back to socialized medicine, how would you like to be operated on by a horse doctor? That sounds silly, but if we go in for government medical care, the time might

come when there would be no other kinds of doctors. In England, the veterinary profession is booming. Unlike the medical profession, it is not government-controlled. Talented young Englishmen, looking at what socialized medicine has done to respected physicians, are flocking into horse, cat, and dog medicine instead of into human medicine. - John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 6/12/60

BOOK APPETIZER

There is a good old American theory (and practice) that the best way to test the value of a product is to sample it. And food for the mind being no less important than food for the body, we bring you from time to time, by special permission of the publishers, brief excerpts - call them appetizers if you will - from interesting and significant books previously reviewed in *America's Future*. The following is from N.N. Krasnov's *THE HIDDEN RUSSIA*, 341 pages (Holt, N.Y.), \$5.00 - reviewed AF 3/10/60:

"Major Stone of the English general staff...asked General Domanov to notify all officers to gather without fail at certain points at one o'clock on the afternoon of May 28, 1945 and to be prepared to proceed to a conference with the Commander of the English Eighth Army, and possibly also with Field Marshal Alexander, who, it seemed, had expressed a desire to 'talk'

with the Russian (émigré anti-communist) officers.

"The General asked why all officers were summoned. There were 2,000 of them! It would be difficult to handle such a crowd at a conference. Would it not be better to gather only a few regimental commanders, heads of battalions and individual units?

"'No,' was the flat reply

of Major Stone. 'Don't worry about the transportation problem. That is our affair. The Commander-in-Chief of the Army ordered that all officers without distinction in rank, be brought to the conference.'

"Just as he was leaving, Stone, as though he had forgotten it, added another message from the Commander: 'Don't disturb the officers tonight. Send them word of the invitation only tomorrow. ...the officers might be excited by the conferring of this signal honor...it might disturb their sleep...You will accept this request as an order!'

"Neither General Domanov nor Captain Butlerov went to bed that night. Wild thoughts and suppositions kept going through their heads, so the latter told me later. Not daring to disobey, next morning they sent out special messages over the field telephones put at our disposal, relaying the call to the conference. A special courier was sent to find General Krasnov, who, although he held no military post, was part of the Domanov detachment. At that time he was 76 years old and his eyesight and his legs had failed considerably.

"The appearance of the mes-

sengers and rumors of the conference caused consternation. As officers we accepted it as another challenge of fate, but we never suspected the villainy and treachery of which the English command was to prove itself capable...

"My grandmother, who heretofore had been accustomed to accept whatever happened at her husband's side...now was at first unwilling to agree with his credulity. She dared not, however, try to dissuade him...My mother and my wife by contrast rushed to Father and me and implored us under no circumstances to go to the meeting...

"On May 28, at the appointed time, we gathered at Staff Headquarters. At 2:45 P.M., a passenger car left the square in Lienz. It carried my grandfather, General Krasnov, among others. Following it was a car in which rode General Domanov, Captain Butlerov, and an orderly who was also an officer. At exactly one o'clock a large English bus arrived at Staff Headquarters. The driver was an English officer...He asked the staff officers to get in. As I waited for them to load the bus I tried to joke with my mother and my wife. If only for a fleeting moment I want-

ed to see a smile cross their faces. I tried to cheer them up, and as I kissed them goodbye at the door of the bus I complained that I had not had time to have a good dinner and asked them to make

me a fine six-egg omelet for supper, because after a long conference I would have worked up a tremendous appetite.

"I waited (in Soviet prison camps) eleven years for that omelet..."

BELITTLED OR IGNORED

"The most glowing reports of what Russia is doing or plans to do in the field of electric power production comes from those who favor socialization of the U.S. utility industry. Russia's achievements, whether real or exaggerated, are thus employed in an effort to destroy taxpaying private enterprise here, and replace it with tax-eating monolithic government power monopolies. The enormous achievements of our own private power industry, which dwarf those of Russia by a huge margin, are belittled or ignored." - Coatsville (Pa.) RECORD

ENTHRONES TYRANTS

"I am not impressed by the claim that the Supreme Court's decision on school integration is the law of the land. *The Constitution, and the laws 'made in pursuance thereof,' are 'the supreme law of the land.'* The Constitution is what its authors intended it to be and said it was - not what the

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Supreme Court says it is...It so happens that I am in agreement with the *objectives* of the Supreme Court as stated in the *Brown* decision...I am not prepared, however, to impose that judgment of mine on the people of Mississippi or South Carolina, or to tell them what methods should be adopted and what pace should be kept in striving toward that goal. That is their business, not mine...Any other course enthrones tyrants and dooms freedom." - Barry Goldwater in his book

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